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UNLEASHED!



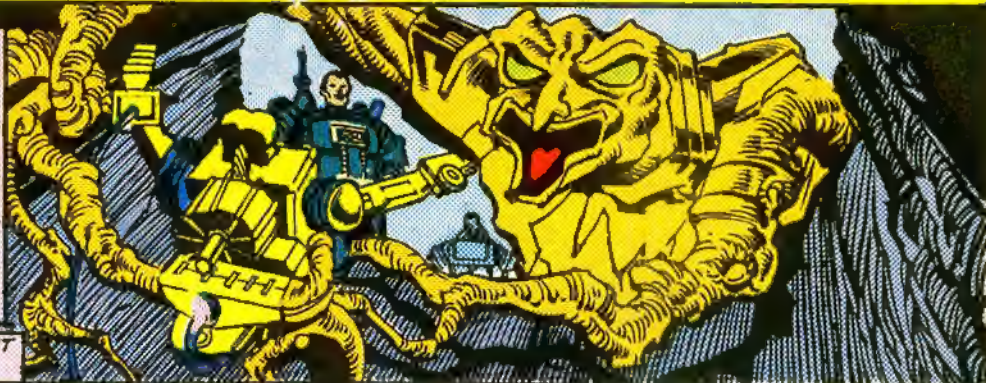
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THE NEW
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Four super-scientists—Herc Armstrong, Derek Bright, Eddie (Auger) Augutter, and Jonathan M. (Liquidator) Slattery—have joined forces to become Earth Corps! Their mission—to defend Earth from the ancient monsters from its core—

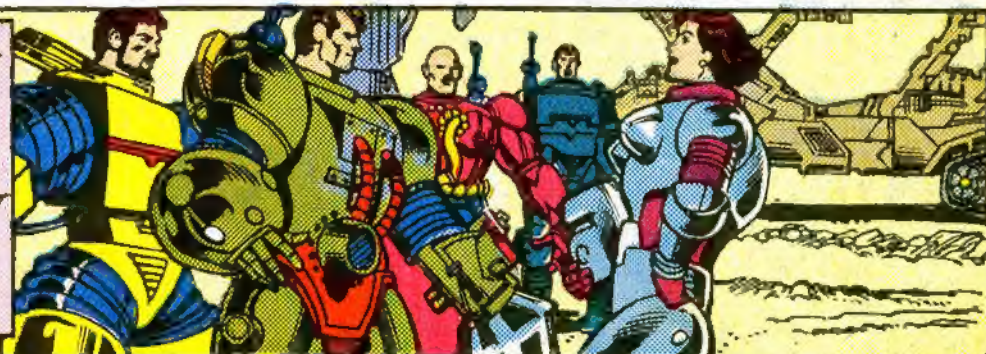
THE INHUMANOIDS™

NOT LONG AGO,* REDLEN, LEADER OF A STRANGE RACE OF TREE-CREATURES, RESCUED EARTH CORPS FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE DEMONIC D'COMPOSE! HE THEN TOLD THEM OF AN ANCIENT WAR BETWEEN THE MUTORES AND THE EVIL INHUMANOIDS.

*IT ALL HAPPENED LAST ISSUE--RALFORD.

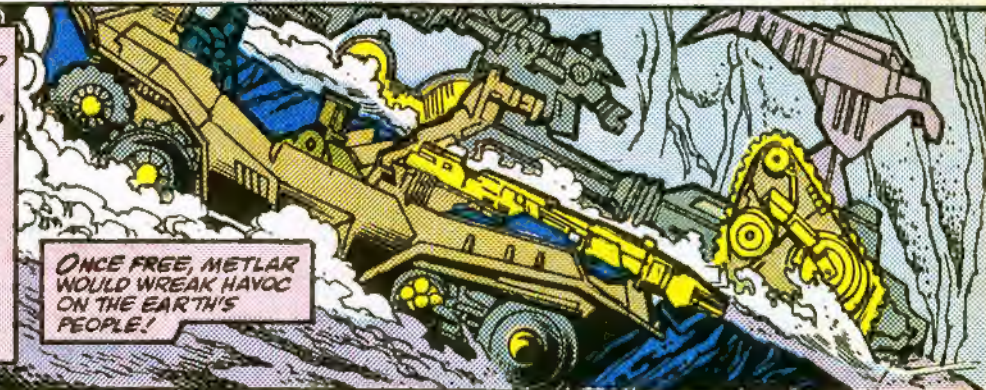


SOON AFTER, EARTH CORPS' GOVERNMENT FUNDS WERE MYSTERIOUSLY CUT OFF! DESPERATE, HERC AND THE OTHERS RECEIVED FINANCIAL HELP FROM SANDRA SHORE, INDUSTRIALIST BLACKTHORNE SHORE'S SISTER, ON ONE CONDITION-- THAT SHE BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE TEAM!



WITH NEW FUNDING, EARTH CORPS CREATED TWO NEW VEHICLES, THE INTERCEPTOR AND THE TRAPPEUR! AND SO THE EARTH CORPS JOURNEYED TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH TO STOP TENDRIL AND D'COMPOSE BEFORE THEY COULD FREE THE EVIL METLAR, WHO IS THE DEADLIEST OF ALL INHUMANOIDS!

ONCE FREE, METLAR WOULD WREAK HAVOC ON THE EARTH'S PEOPLE!

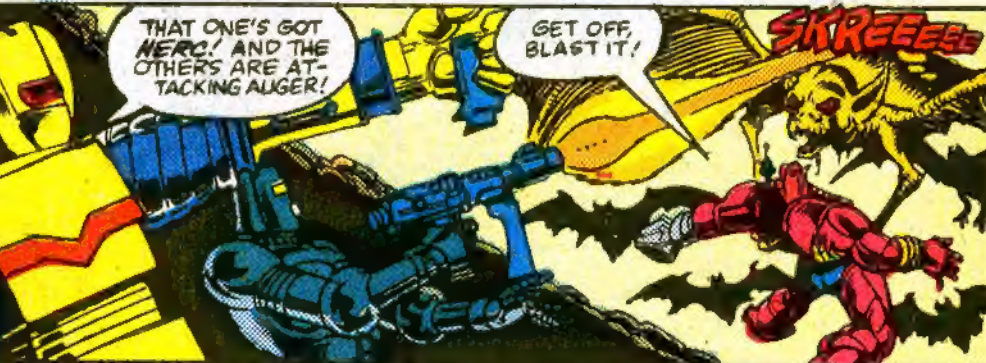


AND NOW, EARTH CORPS IS UNDER ATTACK BY A SQUAD OF D'COMPOSE'S DEATHBATS!

THAT ONE'S GOT HERC! AND THE OTHERS ARE ATTACKING AUGER!

GET OFF, BLAST IT!

SKREEEE



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METLAR UNLEASHED



MORE MONSTER MADNESS BASED ON FLINT DILLE'S ANIMATED TELEPLAY

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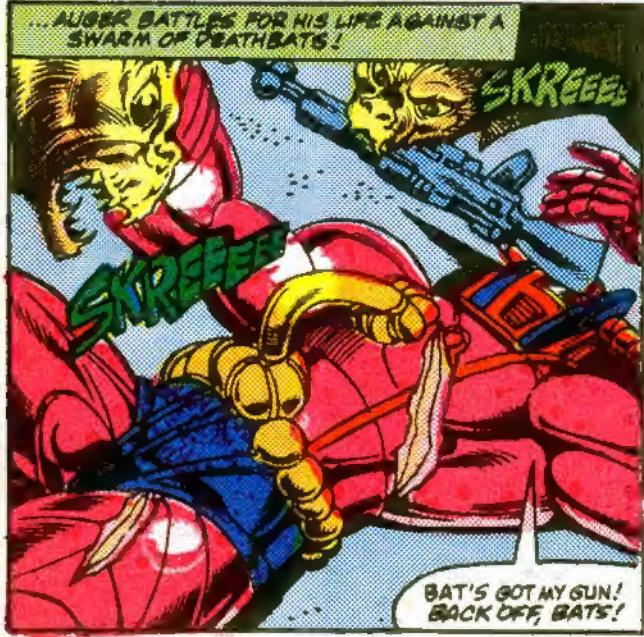
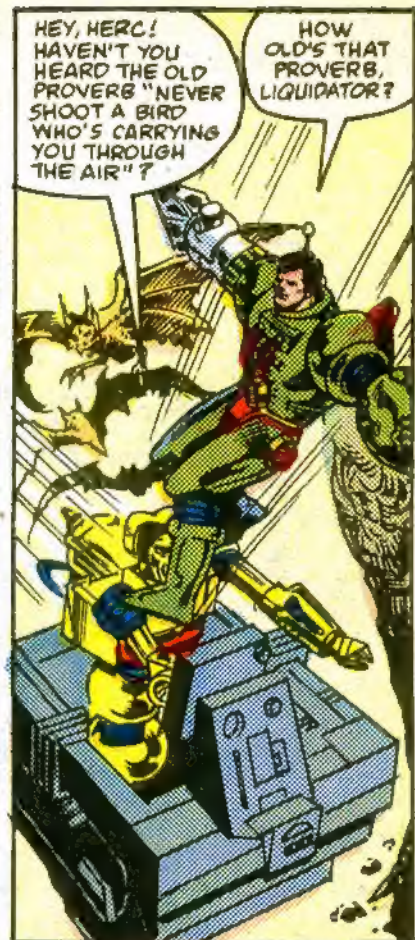
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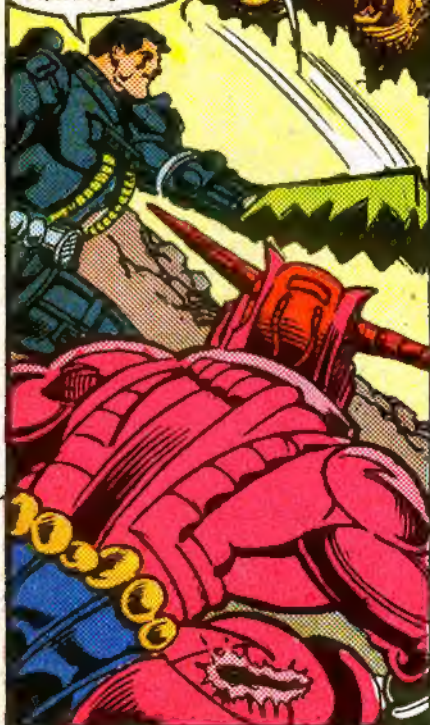
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SUDDENLY, BRIGHT ENTERS THE
SCENE ON HIS HOVERPOD...

I NEVER THOUGHT
I'D BE HAPPY TO
SEE YOU!

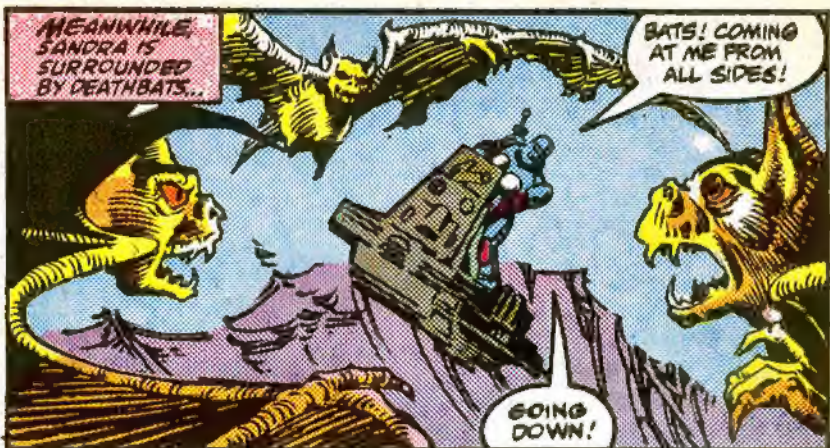
WAIT'LL YOU
SEE MY BILL,
AUGER!



MEANWHILE,
SANDRA IS
SURROUNDED
BY DEATHBATS...

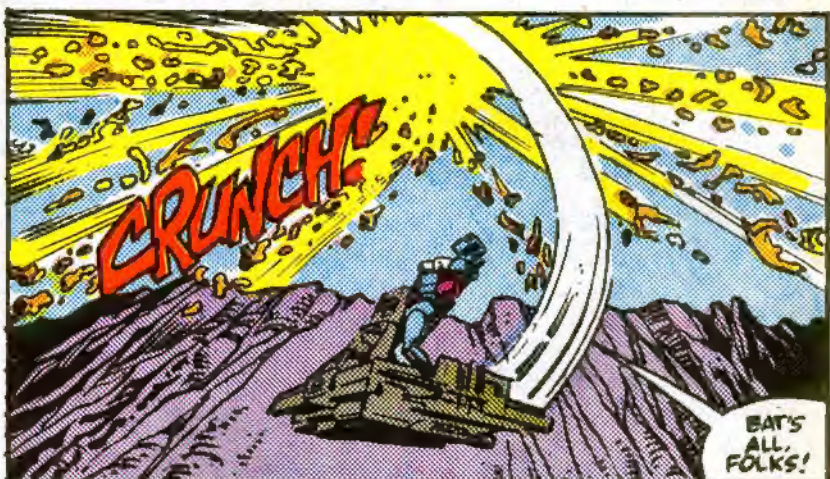
BATS! COMING
AT ME FROM
ALL SIDES!

GOING
DOWN!



CRUNCH!

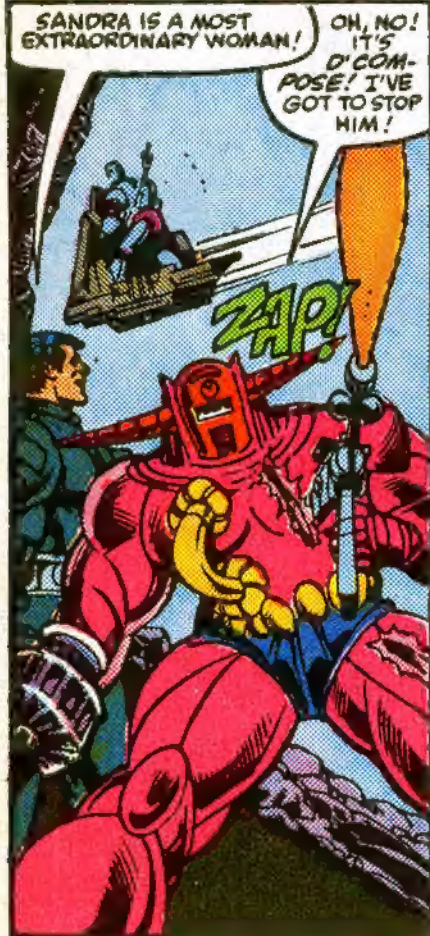
BAT'S
ALL,
FOLKS!



SANDRA IS A MOST
EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN!

OH, NO!
IT'S
D'COM-
POSE! I'VE
GOT TO STOP
HIM!

ZAP!



BAH! SOON, YOU
SHALL SUFFER IN
SOLITARY SILENCE!

ZATCH!

HE'S SEALING
OFF THE CAVE!



GREAT! NOW HOW DO
WE GET OUT OF HERE?!

KRA-BOOM!



THE BATTLE IS OVER.
EARTH CORPS REGROUPS...

YOU ALL
FOUGHT
WELL!

AUGER, YOUR SUIT IS
TORN BEYOND REPAIR!
YOU'LL HAVE TO RETURN
TO THE SURFACE!

RUBBISH!

BUT YOUR
RESPIRATOR
UNIT IS
RUINED!

IF I'D USED
YOUR DESIGN IT
WOULD'VE BEEN,
BUT FORTUNATELY
I THREW OUT YOUR
DESIGN AND BUILT
THIS MYSELF!

LET'S CLEAR THIS RUBBLE!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH
AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

LATER...

WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE!

WHIRRR

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
WE'VE MADE IT TO THE
EARTH'S MANTLE!

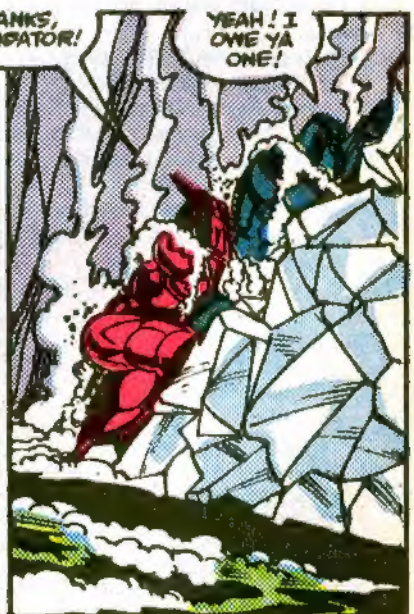
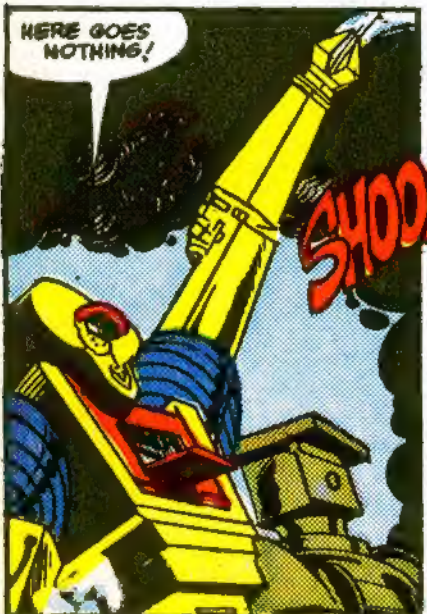
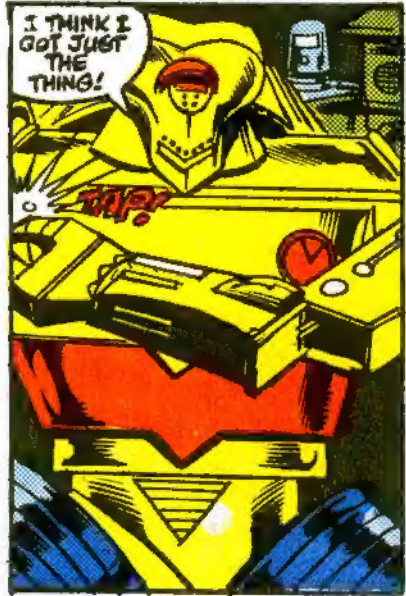
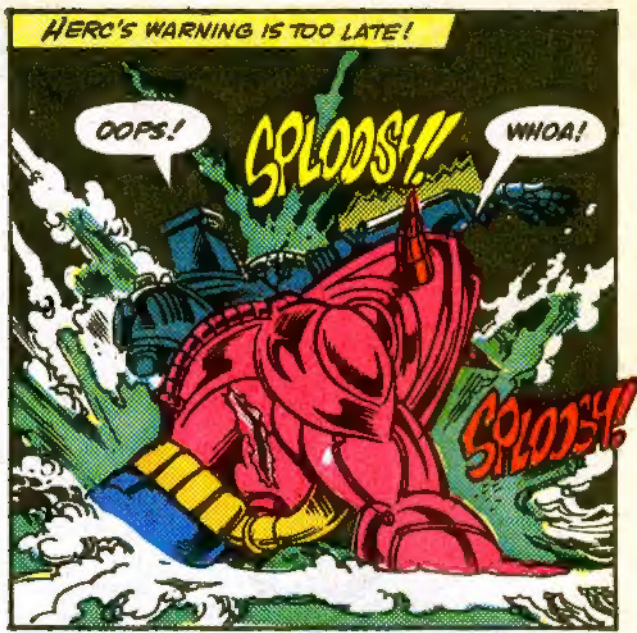
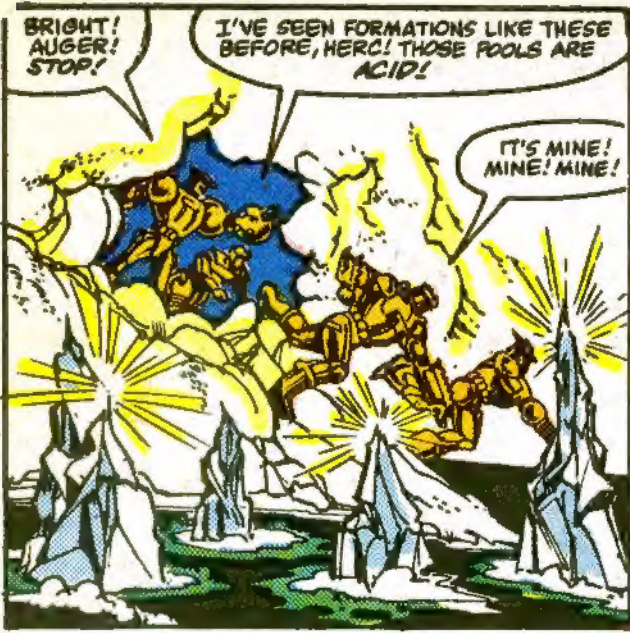
WE'RE
THROUGH!

LET'S SHED
SOME LIGHT
ON THIS!

WOW!

WOULD YOU LOOK AT
THAT! DIAMONDS!
JUST ONE OF THOSE
BABIES AND YOU'D
BE RICH FOR LIFE!

THEN WHAT ARE
WE WAITING FOR?!

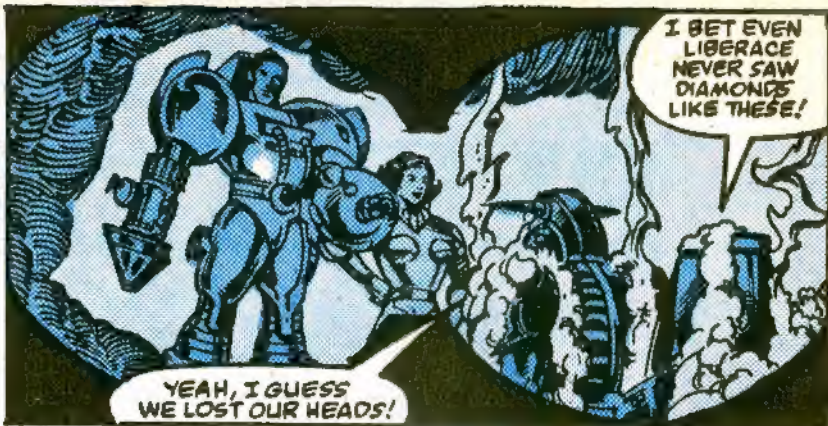




I'M GLAD YOU TWO ARE ALL RIGHT--

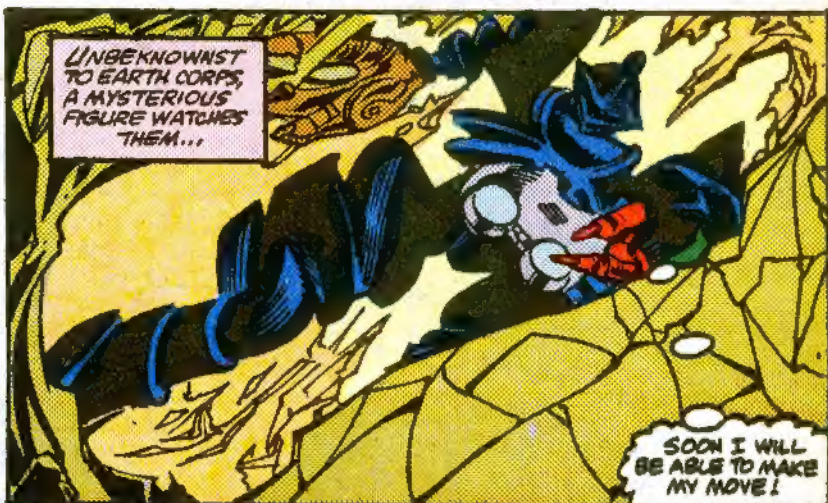
-- BUT THE NEXT MEMBER OF THIS EXPEDITION WHO ACTS AGAINST ORDERS WILL BE SENT TO THE SURFACE! IS THAT CLEAR?!

UNDERSTOOD, HERC!



I BET EVEN LIBERACE NEVER SAW DIAMONDS LIKE THESE!

YEAH, I GUESS WE LOST OUR HEADS!



UNBEKNOWNST TO EARTH CORPS, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WATCHES THEM...

SOON I WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE MY MOVE!



LATER, RIDING THE TRAPPEUR AND THE INTERCEPTOR, THE EARTH CORPS PRESSES ON...

WHO COULD HAVE IMAGINED THE EARTH'S MANTLE WOULD BE THIS BEAUTIFUL?

AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!



HERC, I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING!

WHAT?!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S GOT A CATCHY BEAT! I'LL PUT IT ON THE SPEAKER SO WE ALL CAN HEAR...!

IT SOUNDS LIKE A BATTLE! WE'RE TOO LATE!

NONSENSE! IT'S NOT OVER TILL IT'S OVER! TRACK THE SOUNDS!

SANDRA SCANS THE CRYSTAL WALL...

THE RADAR INDICATES THE SOUNDS ARE COMING FROM BEHIND THAT WALL!

BUT, SANDRA-- THAT WALL'S PURE CRYSTAL! THE BATTERING RAM WON'T EVEN SCRATCH IT!

STAND BACK! LET JONATHAN M. SLATTERY HANDLE THIS!

I CALL THIS "INSTANT DOOR-WAY!"

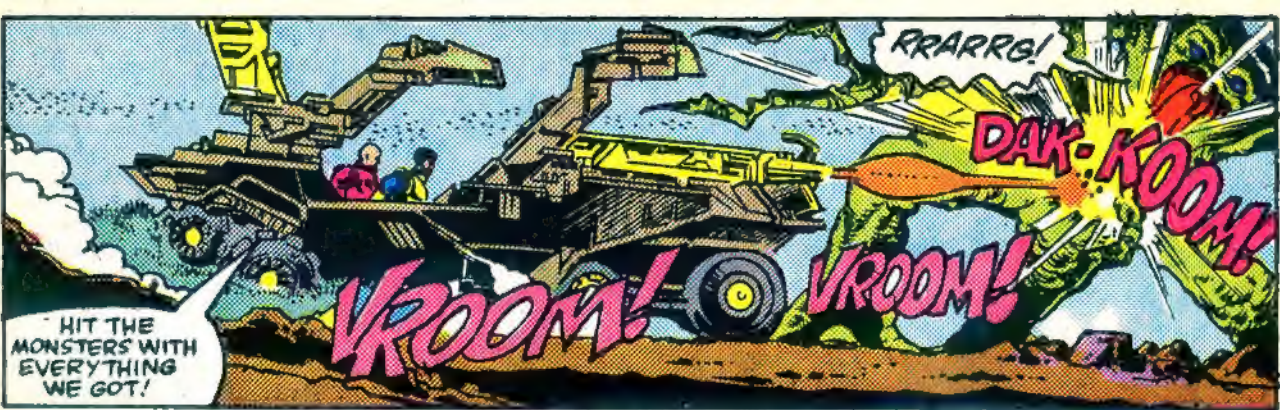
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY--SLATTERY WILL GET YOU EVERYWHERE!

BEYOND THE CRYSTAL WALL-- A BIZARRE BATTLE RAGES...

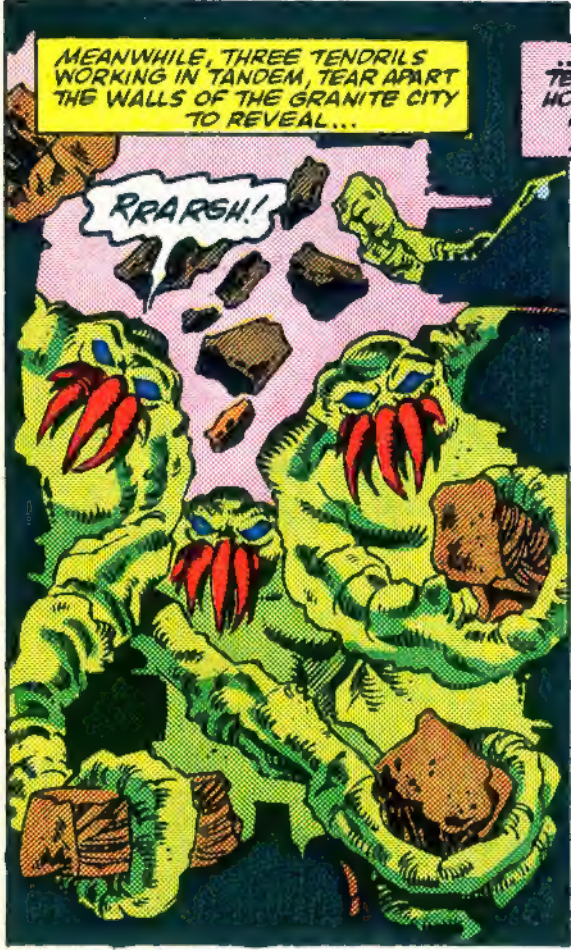
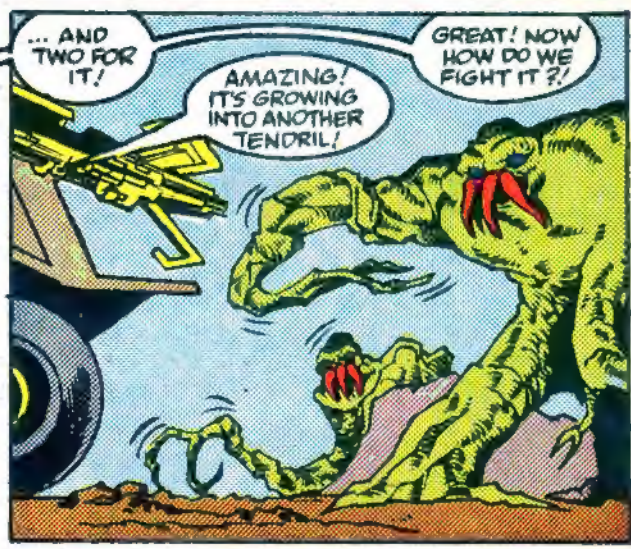
SURRENDER OR SUFFER THE FATE OF ALL WHO DARE OPPOSE D'COMPOSE!

NEVER! NOT WHILE GRANOCK LIVES TO LEAD THE FORCES OF THE GRANITE CITY!

OKAY, EARTH CORPS-- THIS IS IT! LET'S ROLL!



HIT THE MONSTERS WITH EVERYTHING WE GOT!



...THE MOST TERRIFYING AND HORRIBLE OF ALL INHUMANOID--METLAR!

ONLY THE MAGNETIC POWER OF THE TWO HALVES OF MAG-NACORE HOLD BACK THE EVIL EARTH-SHATTERING POWER OF METLAR!

RRARGH!

LET ALL THE
WORLD BEWARE!
SOON THE MIGHTY
METLAR WILL BE
FREE!

AA/EE!

**GRANITES!
COUNTER-
ATTACK!**

NO PUNY
COUNTER-ATTACK
CAN POSSIBLY
STOP THE
INHUMANOIDS!

THEN I
SHALL STOP
YOU, DEMON-
SPAWN!

I'LL STOP YOU
WITH MY OWN
TWO HANDS!

AA/EE!

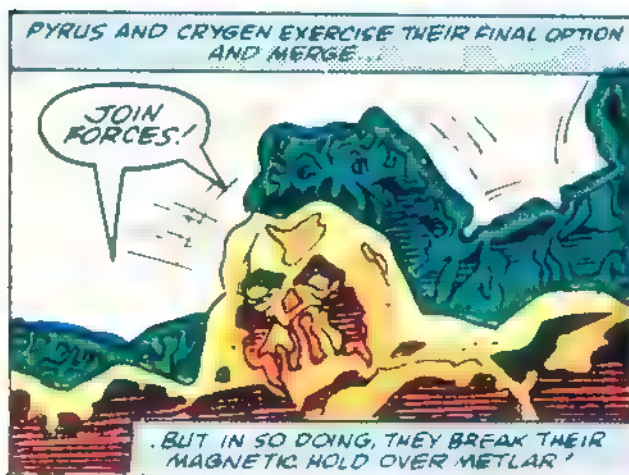
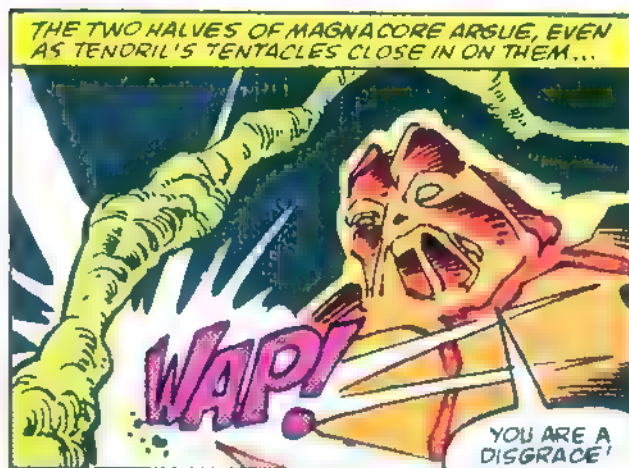
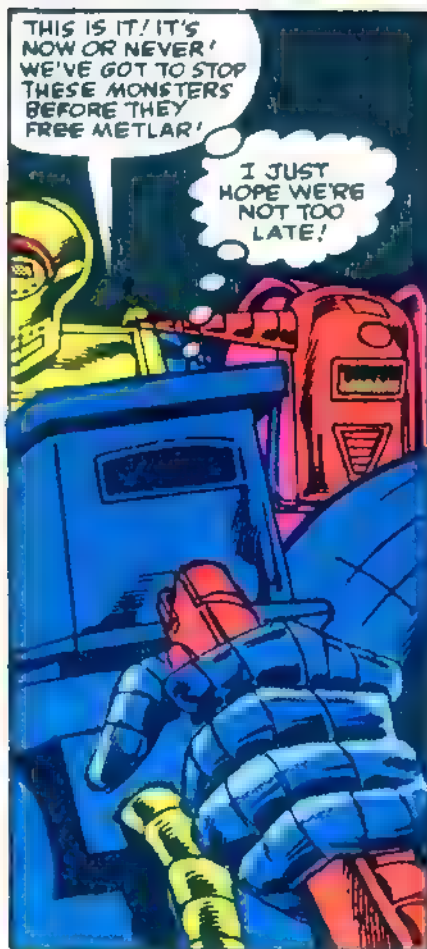
BASH!

ENRAGED, D'COMPOSE FLICKS
GRANOCK OFF HIS SHOULDER ..

BAH!

GRANOCK HAS FALLEN, BUT WE
MUST NOT GIVE UP! IF METLAR
IS SET FREE, WE'RE DOOMED!

AA/EEEE!





THE GRANITE,
FLEE TO THEIR
HOMES, BUT EARTH
CORPS DOESN'T
GIVE UP...

SHOOT THE HOOK,
DEREK! WE'RE GOING!
AFTER MIGHTY BIG FISH!



WHO'S
FISHING FOR
WHOM, HERC?!

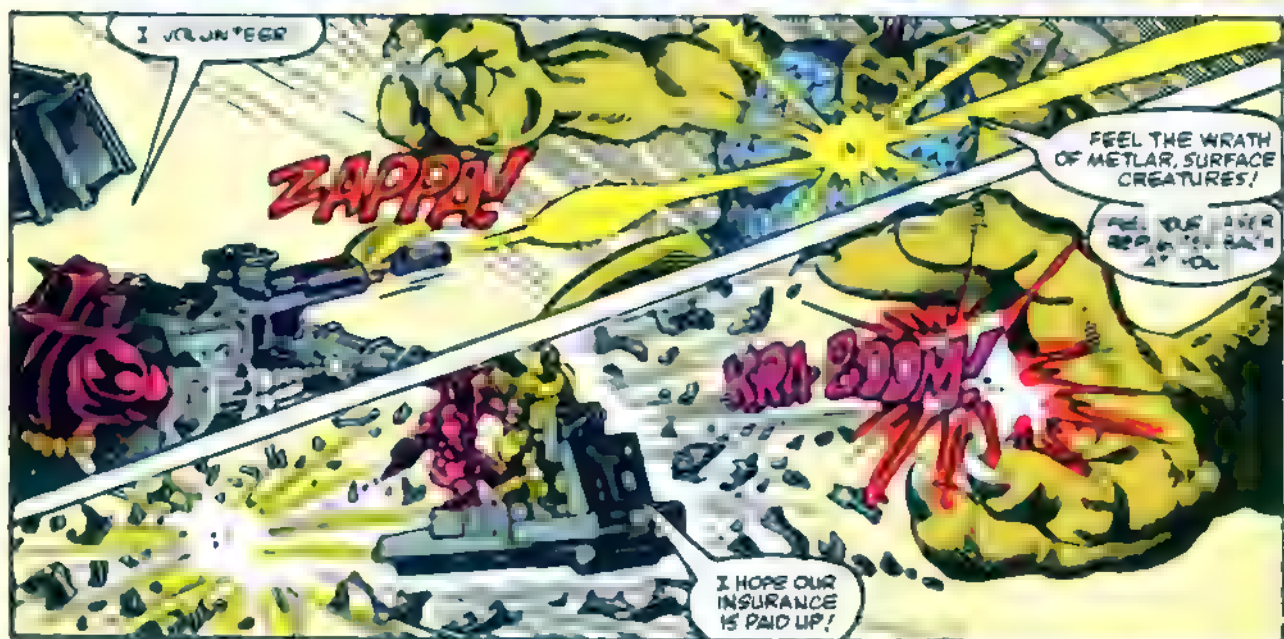
ABANDON SHIP
WHEELS, AND
DUE THIS FIRST



BAH! IS THIS THE
BEST THEY CAN
DO?

CRASH!

I CRAVE A CHALLENGE!
WHO SHALL TEST METLAR'S
METTLE?



I VOLUNTEER

ZAPPA!

FEEL THE WRATH
OF METLAR, SURFACE
CREATURES!

KRA BOOM!

I HOPE OUR
INSURANCE
IS PAID UP!

SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY...

WHY CAN'T WE FIRE OUR WEAPONS? WHAT'S STOPPING US? HIS EYES...

THEY'RE... HYPNOTIC.

LOOK AWAY!

EARTH CORPS DOESN'T EVEN SEE METLAR'S GNARLED HAND UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE...

I THINK HE'S HUNGRY!

IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS!

IT LOOKS LIKE A SEA OF BOILING LAVA DOWN THERE!

WE'LL BE ABLE TO CHECK YOUR FINDINGS SOON ENOUGH!

BUT BEFORE HERC, BRIGHT AND SANDRA BECOME METLAR'S LUNCH, LIQUIDATOR ARRIVES...

SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE A DRINK BEFORE EATING?!

SPLASH

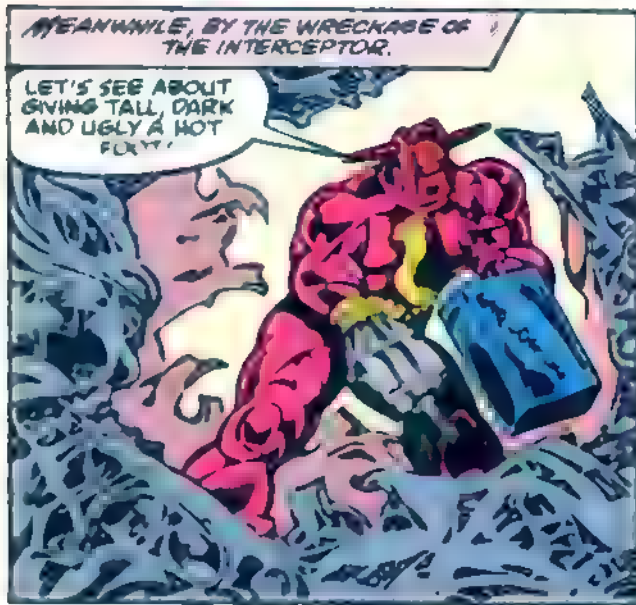
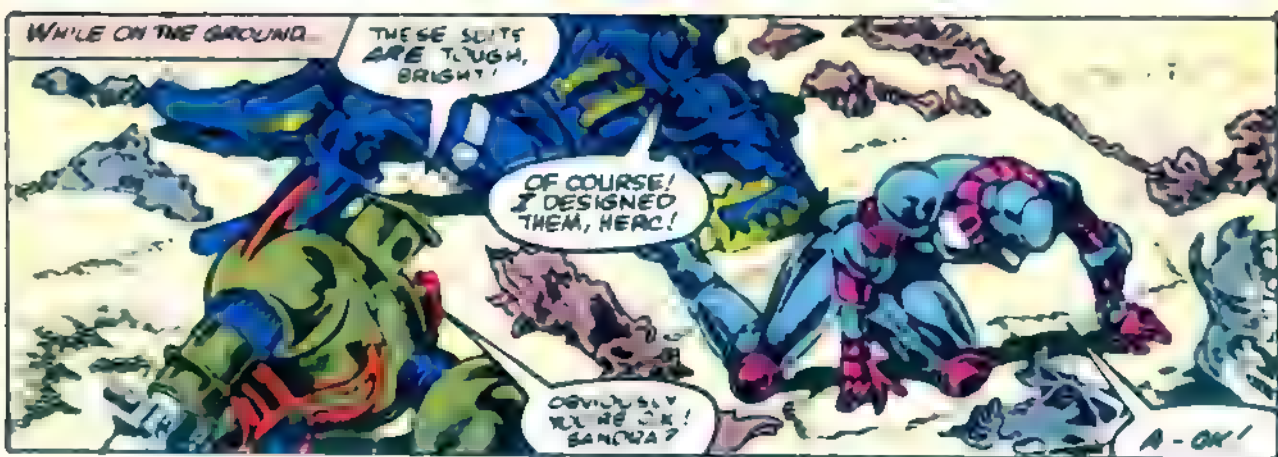
AARRGH!

AARRGH!

BOY, ARE YOU STEAMED!

AARRGH!

YOU SAID THAT ALREADY!



LIQUIDATOR FINDS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF EARTH CORPS AT AN ENTRANCE INTO THE GRANITE CITY..

THIS MIGHT BE OUR LAST STAND!

ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!

TENDRIL! O'COMPOSE! HELP ME UP, YOU WORTHLESS FOOLS!

O'COMPOSE, STOP THE HUMANS!

O'COMPOSE HURLS A MASSIVE CHUNK OF GRANITE AT EARTH CORPS AND

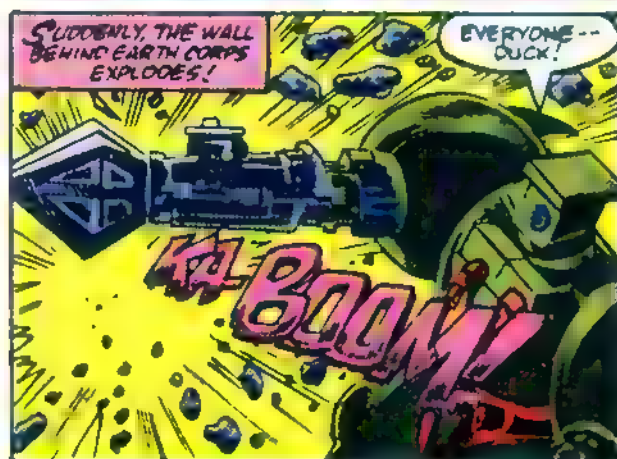
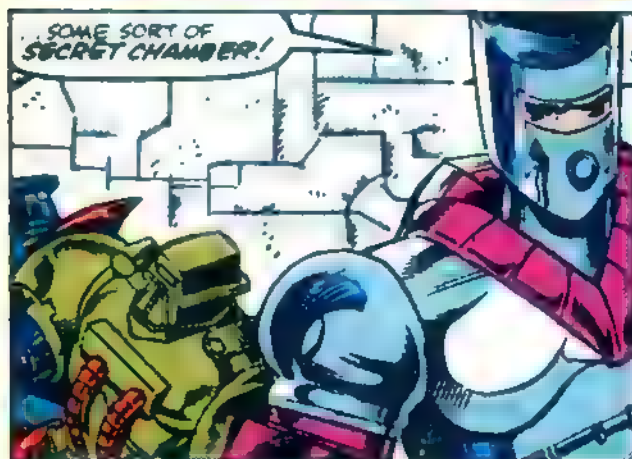
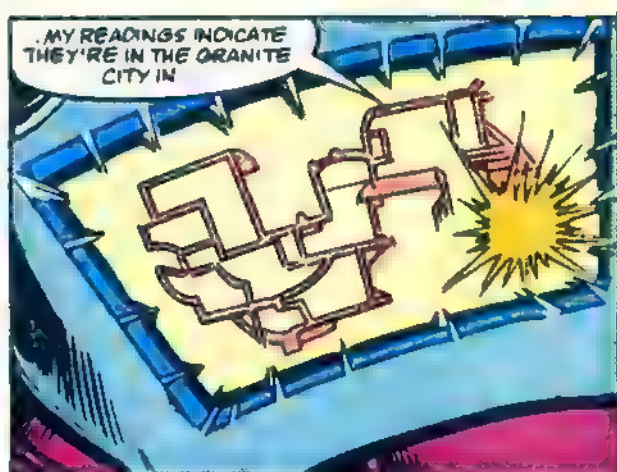
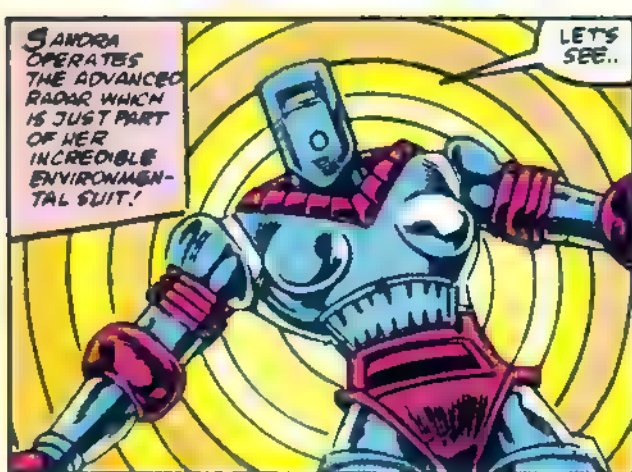
THROUGH HERE - FAST!

THOOM!

THAT WAS CLOSE! TOO CLOSE!

SANDRA, WHERE'D THE ROCK CREATURES GO?

THEY MUST BE REGROUPING. HERC! I'LL TRACK THEM!



SANDRA SNORE QUICKLY LEADS EARTH CORPS DEEP INTO THE CONFUSING CONFINES OF THE GRANITE CITY



THIS WAY! NO THIS WAY! NO UN YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE

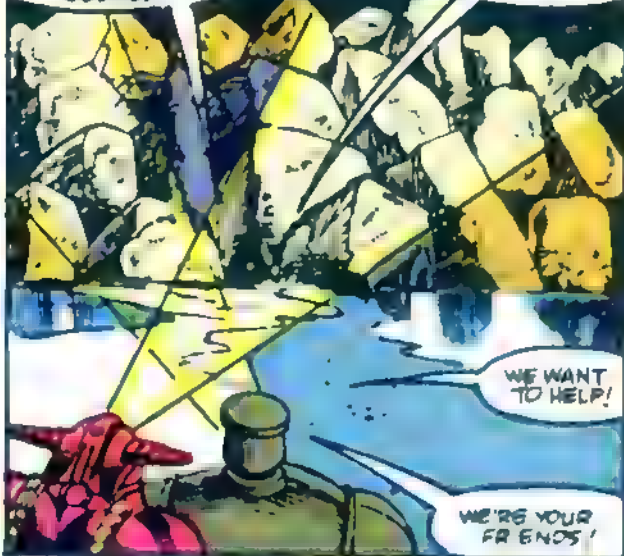
UNTIL EARTH CORPS ENTERS A PATH THAT LEADS TO THE



EARTH CORPS SWITCH ON YOUR LIGHTS!

ALL RIGHT, GUYS, YOU CAN STAND UP! IT'S JUST US!

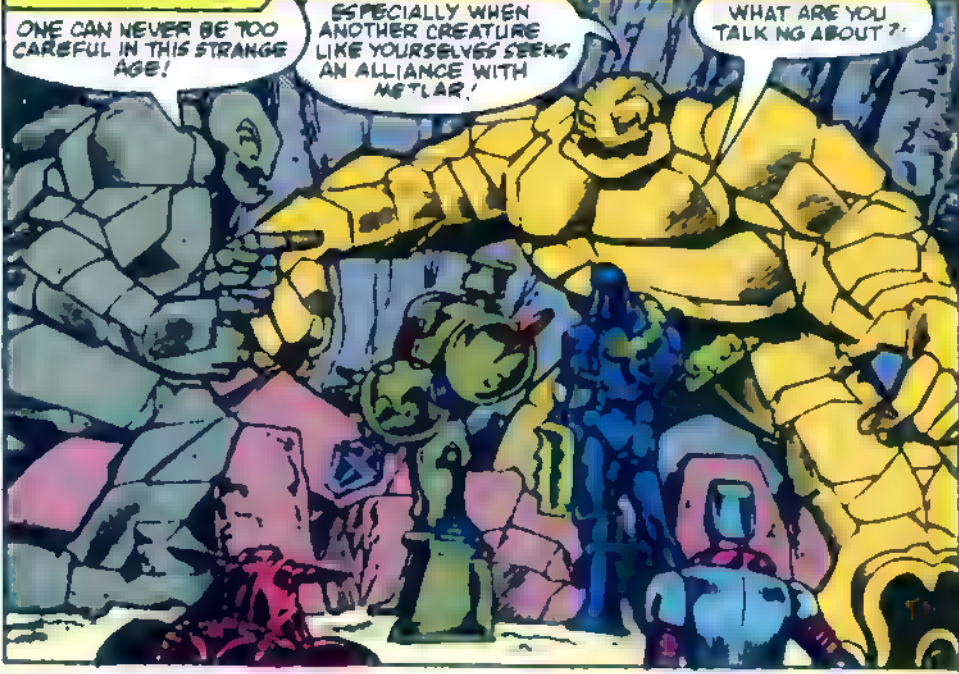
WHO ARE YOU CREATURES?



WE WANT TO HELP!

WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!

INCREDIBLY THE PILE OF ROCKS RISES AND TRANSFORMS INTO GRANOCK LEADER OF THE GRANITES



ONE CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL IN THIS STRANGE AGE!

ESPECIALLY WHEN ANOTHER CREATURE LIKE YOURSELVES SEEKS AN ALLIANCE WITH METLAR!

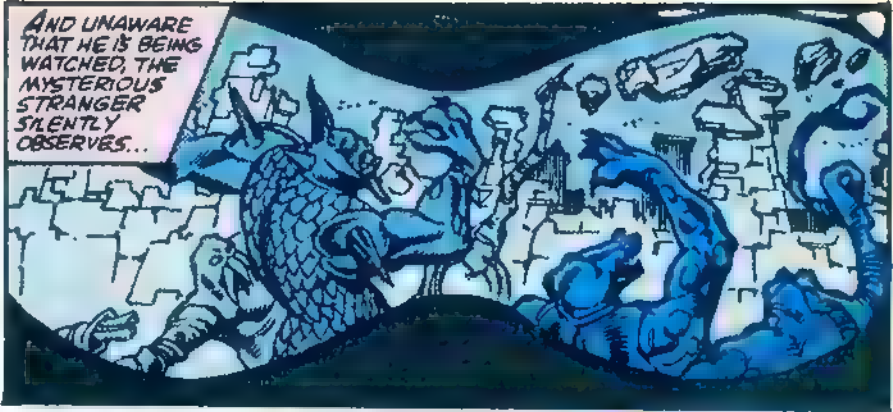
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



SEE FOR YOURSELF!



AND UNAWARE THAT HE IS BEING WATCHED, THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER SILENTLY OBSERVES...



...THE END OF THE GRANITE CITY!

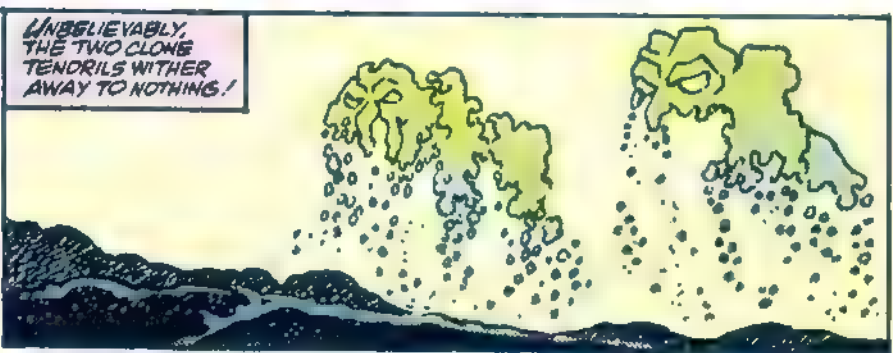


THAT IS ENOUGH, TENORIL! WE HAVE NO MORE NEED FOR YOUR CLONES!

TENDRILS... WITHER!

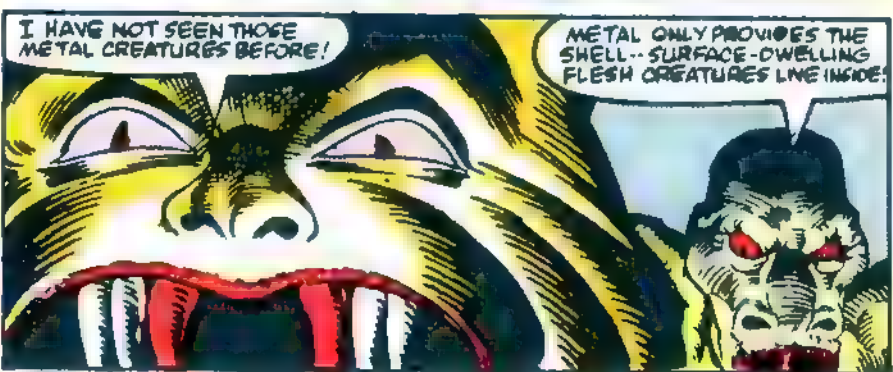


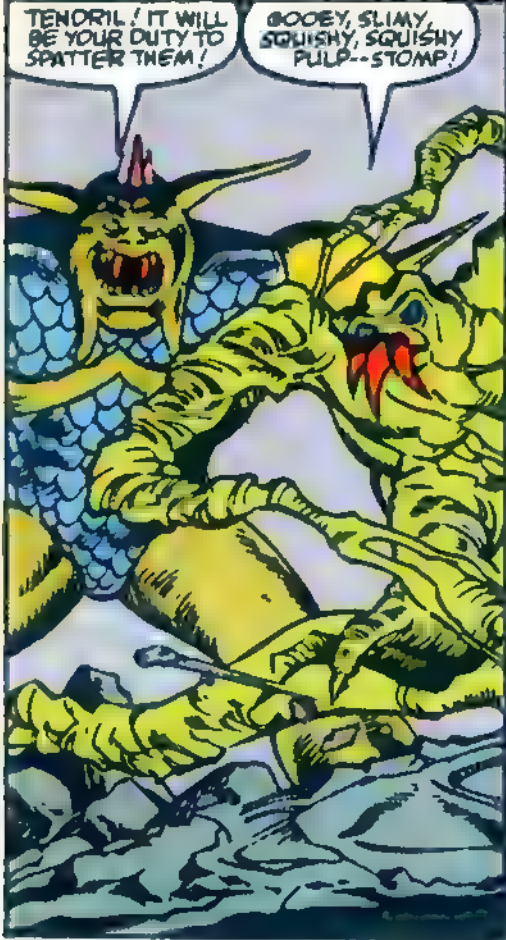
UNBELIEVABLY, THE TWO CLONE TENDRILS WITHER AWAY TO NOTHING!



I HAVE NOT SEEN THOSE METAL CREATURES BEFORE!

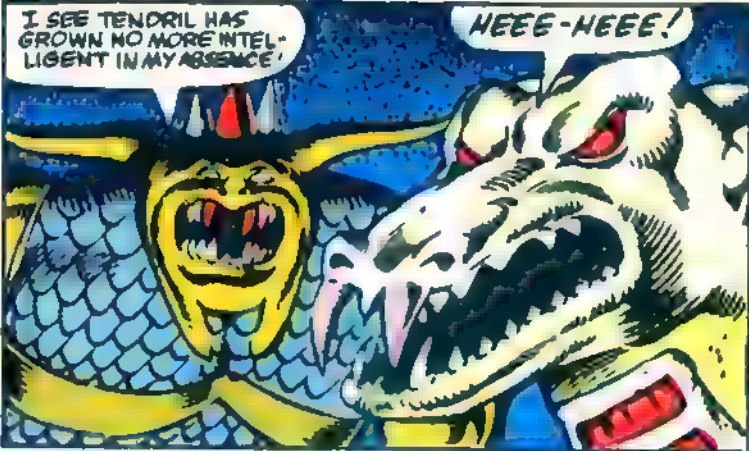
METAL ONLY PROVIDES THE SHELL... SURFACE-DWELLING FLESH CREATURES LIVE INSIDE!





TENDRIL! IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO SPATTER THEM!

BOOEY, SLIMY SQUISHY, SQUISHY PULP--STOMP!



I SEE TENDRIL HAS GROWN NO MORE INTEL-LIGENT IN MY ABSENCE!

HEEE-HEEE!



ENOUGH, TENDRIL! THESE DISGUSTING SURFACE CREATURES ARE NOT OUR MAIN PROBLEM!

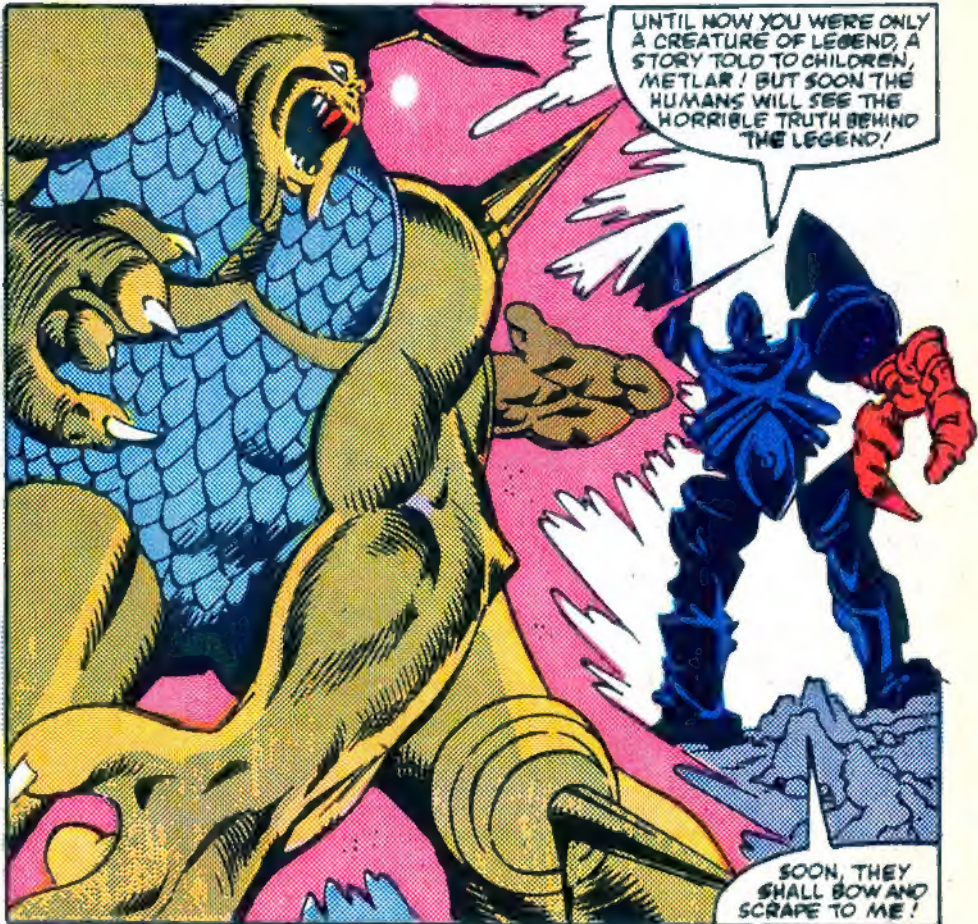
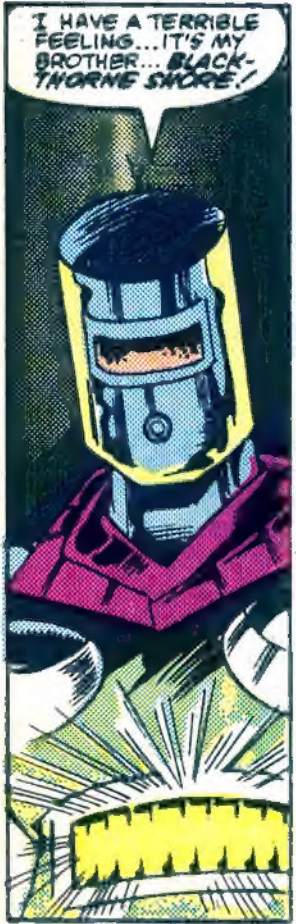
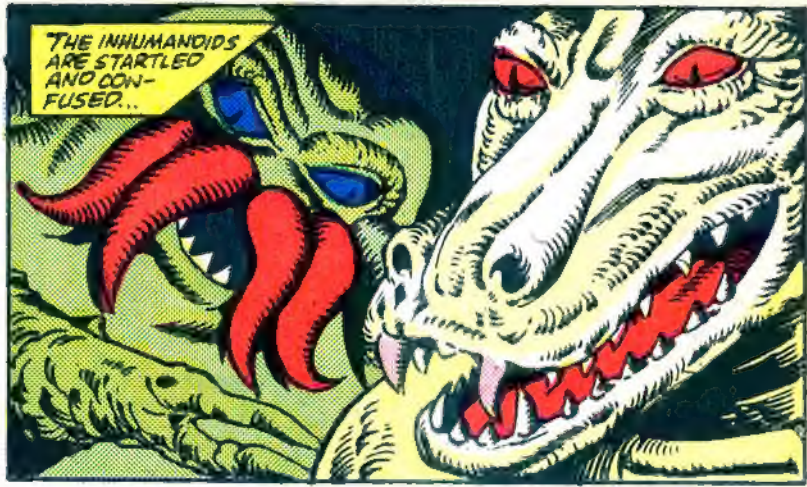


BUT BEFORE METLAR CAN MENTION HIS MYSTERIOUS MAIN PROBLEM, A NEW PROBLEM MATERIALIZES! METLAR IS FROZEN IN PLACE!

EXCEPT FOR ME, METLAR!



FROM NOW ON I AM YOUR MASTER!



AS SANDRA STEPS OUT FROM
BEHIND THE RUBBLE...

NO ONE COULD
BOW LOW ENOUGH
TO BE ON YOUR
LEVEL, BLACK-
THORNE!

SANDRA!
I TOLD YOU
TO STAY OUT
OF MY
BUSINESS!

LISTEN, HERC,
I DON'T LIKE TO
INTERFERE IN
FAMILY QUARRELS,
SO WHAT'D YA
SAY WE GO?

AUGER,
STAY RIGHT
WHERE
YOU ARE!

ARE YOU FOOL
ENOUGH TO
BELIEVE YOU
CAN CONTROL
THE INHUMA-
NOIDS, BLACK-
THORNE?!

D'COMPOSE!
STIFLE HER!

I MUST
BIDE MY
TIME AND
WAIT FOR
MY
CHANCE!

AAAAIIIEEE!

THAT'S
OUR
CUE!

HE'S GRABBED SANDRA!
OPEN FIRE! BE SURE NOT
TO AIM NEAR HER!

PUT ME
DOWN!

AAIIIEE!

NOW-- WHILE THE HUMANS FIRE
AT D'COMPOSE-- IS MY CHANCE!

TENDRIL!
STRIKE!
SQUISHY-
SQUISHY!

TENDRIL HAS
BROKEN THE
MAGNETIC FIELD
THAT WAS HOLDING
METLAR! THE
MONSTER IS
FREE AGAIN!

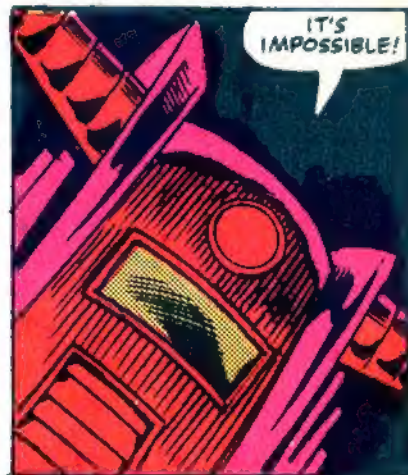
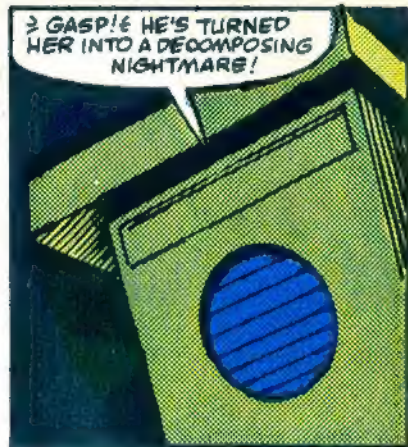
TENDRIL! SPATTER
THE FLESH CREATURES!

MEANWHILE, D'COMPOSE
BEGINS TO PEEL OFF
SANDRA'S ENVIRON-
MENTAL SUIT!

WHA-WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
TO ME?

DECOMPOSE!

Noooooooooooo



THE NIGHTMARISH
TRANSFORMATIONS
BEGINS!

HERC!
AUGER! WEAK
HUMANS!! GRR!
I AM ONE WITH
D'COMPOSE!

3 GASP! HE'S TURNED
HER INTO A DECOMPOSING
NIGHTMARE!

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

SANDRA! I
NEVER MEANT--

AND NOW I'M
COMING FOR YOU!
HA-HA-HA-HA!

TO BE
CONTINUED!